

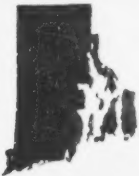
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R. I. JOBS DECLINE IN JULY TO 386,500

Job losses in Manufacturing industries, due mostly to vacation-related seasonal plant closings and some layoffs, dominated the State's employment picture in July, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that 386,500 workers were employed in Rhode Island in mid-July. This represents a monthly decline of 8,500 jobs and places the current level at 10,600 below one year ago.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting losses due principally to industry plant closings for vacation schedules and layoffs during the reporting period, Manufacturing employment dropped by 8,800 jobs to 118,900 in mid-July. The yearly analysis indicates a loss of 7,400 workers.

Durable Goods firms showed losses of 3,100 workers over the month to a level of 52,900. Over the year, the jobs decline amounted to 1,600 workers. Electrical machinery firms lost 1,100 jobs, dropping to 10,400. Fabricated metals declined by 800 jobs and Primary metals showed a drop of 700, to levels of 8,400 and 7,400 workers, respectively. Instruments firms showed a minus 500 jobs in the month to 5,000. In Nondurable Goods, a loss of

DES DIRECTOR'S ADVICE TO WORKING STUDENTS:

GO BACK TO SCHOOL!

The 1980-81 academic year is rapidly approaching as the Summer of '80 runs its course and DES Director Mary C. Hackett extends her appreciation to the many Rhode Island employers who hired students for summer jobs. At this time of year, Miss Hackett has an additional request — please make every effort to encourage these students to return to school or college next month to complete their education prior to seeking a permanent place in the Rhode Island workforce.

As a stepping stone to job success and future advancement, it is in a young person's best interest to acquire as much education as possible. Studies have determined that completing an education can nearly double one's earning power and that graduates can earn at least \$100,000 more than the school dropouts during their lifetime.

Some employers may be able to keep the student on the payroll part-time after school. If this isn't possible, it is hoped that employers would refer those students who must find other work to the nearest office of the R. I. Job Service. Skilled interviewers are prepared to try and find suitable part-time employment for them. A list of Job Service offices is on the last page of this Bulletin.

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 EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES			
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Total Placements	2,379	1,912	2,920
New Applications	4,597	5,519	5,619
New Openings Received	3,449	3,056	4,427

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1980	June 1980	% Change from June
Initial Claims	20,580	21,149	- 2.7
No. of Payments	96,602	68,713	+ 40.6
Amt. of Payments \$	7,941,405	\$5,681,647	+ 39.8
Exhaustions	2,105	1,982	+ 6.2

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	July 1980	June 1980	% Change from June
Initial Claims	474	1,704	- 72.2
No. of Payments	8,930	18,094	- 50.6
Amt. of Payments	\$668,545	\$1,573,649	- 57.5

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed July 1980

	Sex and Age	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL	18,064	100.0
Men	9,537	52.8
Under 45	7,123	74.7
45 and over	2,414	25.3
Women	8,527	47.2
Under 45	5,061	59.4
45 and over	3,466	40.6

Industry Attachment

Contract Construction	1,916	10.6
Manufacturing	8,279	45.8
Public Utilities	673	3.7
Trade	2,077	11.5
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	541	3.0
Service	2,048	11.3
All Other	2,530	14.0

Occupational Skills

Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	1,682	9.3
Clerical and Sales	2,823	15.6
Service	1,214	6.7
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	146	0.8
Processing	995	5.5
Machine Trades	2,222	12.3
Bench Work	3,482	19.3
Structural Work	2,443	13.5
Miscellaneous	2,180	12.1
Not Available	876	4.8

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	455.0	450.3	459.0
Unemployment	34.5	30.0	31.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.6	6.7	6.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.6	7.1	6.9

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	31,720	30,480	28,820
Unemployment	1,750	1,360	1,880
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.5	4.5	6.5

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
Civilian Labor Force	14,350	13,635	13,630
Unemployment	980	705	940
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	5.2	6.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
 Central Falls
 Charlestown
 East Providence
 Johnston
 Narragansett
 New Shoreham
 North Providence
 Providence
 Warren
 West Warwick
 Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	June 1980	July 1979	July 1980	July 1979	July 1980	July 1979	July 1980	July 1979
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.9	127.7	126.3	- 8,800	- 7,400	\$218.96	\$199.17	39.1	38.9	\$5.60	\$5.12
DURABLE GOODS	52.9	56.0	54.5	- 3,100	- 1,600	247.38	223.83	39.9	39.2	6.20	5.71
PRIMARY METALS	7.4	8.1	7.8	- 700	- 400	260.37	251.81	42.2	44.1	6.17	5.71
FABRICATED METALS	8.4	9.2	10.0	- 800	- 1,600	207.58	190.17	37.2	36.5	5.58	5.21
NON-ELEC. MACHINERY	9.4	9.5	9.4	- 100	0	295.80	291.54	40.8	43.0	7.25	6.78
ELEC. MACHINERY	10.4	11.5	11.2	- 1,100	- 800	209.59	183.50	37.9	36.7	5.53	5.00
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	3.1	3.1	3.3	0	- 200	277.03	237.87	44.9	42.1	6.17	5.65
TRANSPORTATION EQU	7.0	7.0	6.0	0	+ 1,000	270.47	220.27	39.6	35.7	6.83	6.17
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	5.5	4.8	- 500	+ 200	230.28	217.06	40.4	39.9	5.70	5.44
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.2	2.1	2.0	+ 100	+ 200	224.44	216.90	38.3	36.7	5.86	5.91
NONDURABLE GOODS	66.0	71.7	71.8	- 5,700	- 5,800	196.74	181.89	38.5	38.7	5.11	4.70
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.1	25.7	26.8	- 3,600	- 4,700	173.25	160.45	37.5	37.4	4.62	4.29
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.4	3.1	- 100	+ 200	235.49	231.04	37.8	38.0	6.23	6.08
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	11.1	11.9	12.3	- 800	- 1,200	204.85	190.65	41.3	41.0	4.96	4.65
APPAREL	3.7	3.8	3.5	- 100	+ 200	179.44	167.84	39.7	39.4	4.52	4.26
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.8	2.7	- 300	- 200	194.93	197.85	36.3	39.1	5.37	5.06
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.2	0	0	275.46	271.83	38.1	39.8	7.23	6.83
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	0	- 100	202.98	270.95	38.0	40.2	7.71	6.74
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.7	1.8	1.8	- 100	- 100	222.36	196.18	40.8	41.3	5.45	4.75
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5.1	5.5	5.4	- 400	- 300	203.84	198.00	38.1	40.0	5.35	4.95
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	3.1	0	- 400	150.29	118.94	37.2	35.4	4.04	3.36
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.9	4.8	- 300	+ 800	175.39	159.75	37.8	37.5	4.64	4.26

1979 FIGURES REVISED. 1980 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND (Per 100 Employees) June 1980

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	TOTAL			NEW HIRES			TOTAL			QUITS			LAY-OFF RATES		
	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979	June 1980	May 1980	June 1979
MANUFACTURING	4.5	4.2	5.8	2.7	2.3	4.8	4.3	5.9	5.5	1.5	1.9	3.2	1.8	3.1	1.3
DURABLE GOODS	4.0	2.7	4.4	2.7	1.9	3.6	3.9	4.2	3.9	1.4	1.5	2.3	1.6	1.7	0.7
Primary Metals	1.5	2.5	2.0	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.7	4.6	2.0	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.6	2.9	5.3
Fabricated Metals	2.3	2.9	4.1	1.8	1.3	3.6	2.7	3.6	4.2	1.0	1.7	2.4	0.5	0.7	0.3
Non-Elec. Mach.	2.1	2.5	3.3	1.5	1.7	2.8	2.1	1.5	3.0	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1
Electrical Mach.	3.4	3.1	5.4	1.9	2.2	4.6	7.4	5.9	4.5	1.6	2.2	3.0	4.9	2.8	0.5
Instruments-Optical	3.0	2.8	5.4	2.5	2.6	3.6	3.1	2.8	3.4	1.6	1.7	2.3	0.5	0.3	0.6
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	7.9	4.4	4.8	6.2	3.4	4.1	4.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	2.3	3.3	0.9	2.7	0.8
NONDUR. GOODS	4.9	5.5	6.8	2.7	2.6	5.6	4.6	7.2	6.6	1.6	2.2	3.8	2.1	4.3	1.8
Food-Beverage	7.7	5.9	8.1	2.9	2.8	5.1	4.2	9.3	4.8	1.8	1.8	2.8	1.3	6.5	0.4
Textiles	3.5	3.4	4.6	1.6	2.1	3.5	6.1	7.4	5.1	1.6	1.9	2.7	3.5	4.6	1.3
Apparel	3.5	8.7	5.2	1.5	3.4	3.5	11.3	7.8	3.5	1.0	1.7	2.0	9.9	5.5	0.7
Paper & Allied Prod.	5.7	14.6	5.3	2.6	1.5	4.7	3.6	13.5	5.7	1.9	2.4	3.9	1.2	10.3	0.8
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	3.4	5.4	3.7	2.0	2.9	3.0	2.9	4.3	7.2	1.7	2.4	3.1	0.4	0.8	2.8
Jewelry & Silverware	4.9	4.2	7.4	3.0	2.6	6.1	4.0	5.0	8.1	1.4	2.3	4.2	1.8	2.3	3.0
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	5.9	5.8	9.1	3.7	3.3	8.2	3.6	8.4	6.2	2.0	2.4	4.8	0.8	5.1	0.4

RATES FOR JUNE 1980 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR MAY 1980 AND JUNE 1979 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979	June 1980	July 1979
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	386.5	395.0	397.1	- 8,500	- 10,600
MANUFACTURING	118.9	127.7	126.3	- 8,800	- 7,400
NONMANUFACTURING	267.6	267.3	270.8	+ 300	- 3,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	12.9	15.5	+ 300	- 2,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12.9	13.3	13.5	- 400	- 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	78.1	78.6	81.4	- 500	- 3,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.4	20.3	21.0	+ 100	- 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	81.9	81.7	80.8	+ 200	+ 1,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	61.1 †	60.5	58.6	+ 600	+ 2,500

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† Labor Dispute

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* FARMERS, SELF-EMPLOYED, DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED

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5,700 jobs was reported, bringing the mid-July employment in this sector to 66,000, down 5,800 from one year ago. Jewelry/Silverware firms declined by 3,600 workers in July to a level of 22,100, off 4,700 from one year ago. Textile products establishments lost 800 workers over the month as employment levels in this industry declined to 11,100.

NONMANUFACTURING

As of mid-July there were 267,600 men and women employed in Nonmanufacturing industries in Rhode Island. This estimate shows a gain of 300 workers in the month, but the current level is 3,200 less than last year.

Federal agencies (including Postal Service) added 300 workers to their rolls in the month. A labor dispute in State Government held the expected seasonal employment increases to 300 jobs, while seasonal declines in local education offset summer help gains reported by municipal governments.

Construction firms added 300 tradespeople in July to reach 13,200, a level well below last year's figures of 15,500. Establishments in the Services sector showed smaller than normal seasonal growth (+200) but still enough to offset summer losses in Private Educational facilities.

Wholesale and Retail Trade firms reduced their workforces seasonally by 500 jobs and the Transportation and Public Utilities sector lost 400 workers over the month, as declines were seen in the number of school bus drivers and motor freight workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings of the State's production and related workers in manufacturing industries

rose by 5 cents an hour over the month to \$5.60 in July -- up 48 cents over July 1979.

Average weekly hours for these workers dropped by .2 hours in the month to 39.1 hours in mid-July, up a similar amount over last year. Gross average weekly earnings were \$218.96 in July, up 84 cents in the month and \$19.79 over the past twelve months.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates (In Thousands)

	July 1980	June 1980	July 1979
Civilian Labor Force	457.1	461.5	456.2
Unemployment	35.5	33.9	36.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	7.3	8.0
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.5	7.3	7.2

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . 277-3537
NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. . . . 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 40 Fountain St.
Professional, Clerical & Sales 277-3579
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3559
Hotel, Hospital, Household &
Restaurant 277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. . . . 231-5290
QUONSET POINT, Bldg. No. 523 277-3521
294-4505
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't Center
Tower Hill Road. 789-9721
WARREN, 57 Everett Street 245-9300
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 838-6134
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